

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 7/8/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932; Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract (Clerk's File) with San Luis Obispo County Special Education Local Planning Area in an amount not to exceed \$773,212 whereby County will continue to provide educationally related mental health services for eligible children who have an Individual Education Plan. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign the FY 2014-15 renewal contract with San Luis Obispo County Special Education Local Planning Area (SELPA) in an amount not to exceed \$773,212 whereby County will continue to provide Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) for eligible children who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP).			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) SELPA, State	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$773,212.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$773,212.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>7-16-2013</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, MFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: July 8, 2014

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign the FY 2014-15 renewal contract with San Luis Obispo County Special Education Local Planning Area (SELPA) in an amount not to exceed \$773,212 whereby County will continue to provide Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) for eligible children who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

DISCUSSION

Under Federal law, special education students who require ERMHS in order to benefit from their education are entitled to receive such services as part of their right to a free appropriate public education. Responsibility to ensure special education students receive these services falls to local school districts and their local Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPA), the State-designated regional entity responsible for overseeing and supporting the delivery of services to special education children.

On July 18, 2013, your Board approved the FY 2013-14 SELPA contract. SELPA has requested that the County continue to provide ERMHS for these students through the contract before your Board and SELPA will provide the funding for any unreimbursed costs.

The collaborative effort between the SELPA and Behavioral Health Department addresses the needs of the students with the goal of keeping children in their home environment and in school.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget provides for costs associated with providing ERMHS to children with an eligible IEP. The County will provide the services and bill Medi-Cal and any other 3rd party payor for reimbursement on behalf of SELPA. The majority of the funding for the services comes from the State Medi-Cal/Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds are also available to SELPA to offset the costs of mental health services and/or residential placement costs. SELPA will compensate the County for the local match of Medi-Cal/EPSDT billed services and services not covered by a third party payor source. The estimates for FY 2014-15 are as follows:

Cost of Service	\$ 2,073,164
Funded by:	
Medi-Cal/EPSDT Revenue	\$ 1,299,952

The FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget included \$773,000 for costs associated with providing ERMHS to children with an eligible IEP. As of January 1, 2014, the County has billed approximately 46% of the total contract amount to SELPA as reimbursement for services provided. Due to the enormous amount of data collection and analysis that is involved in creating an invoice for the reimbursement of these services, invoices are prepared on a semi-annually basis for this contract. The second semi-annual invoice to SELPA will be sent to them late summer, but it is estimated that the invoice will be for the full remainder of the contract.

RESULTS

For FY 2013-14, it is anticipated that over 210 children will have been provided ERMHS through an IEP. The primary goal of this program is to help children remain in their homes and the community while receiving the most appropriate education. The mental health services provided under this agreement with SELPA are part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. By providing the most appropriate services to these children, the probability of positive treatment outcomes is increased. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the County's vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's Filed Cover Sheet for SELPA FY 2014-15 Contract Renewal